Rise in prices of essential drugs

947. SHRl BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the life sav->ng drugs and essential drugs, the market prices of which are likely to shoot up after the implementation of the new DPCO;

(b) the extent of expected price rise in each case; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to keep the prices under check and within reach of the common man ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Prices of some Category-1 and II formulations are likely to go up while those of some other Category-1 formulations may come down.

(hi The change in price will very from case to case.

(c) The prices of all price controlled bulk drugs and formulations will be regulated as per provisions of DPCO, 1987.

Private Sector participation in Power Projects

948. SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has set up a task force on private sector participation in new power projects; if so, what arc the details thereof;

(b) what is likely to be the scale of participation of private sector in these investments and what will be the approximate private sector percentage investment to the total investment required; and

(c) whether facilities have been given by Central Government and the State Governments to private sector to set up captive power plants; if so, how many such power plants have been set up so far, with details (hereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The Working Group, which was set up to study the modalities of private sector participation in electric power generation included, among others, representatives of the Central Electricity Authority, the State Electricity Boards and the private sector. The extent of future participation and investment by the private sector in this field would depend on the proposals which are found acceptable.

(cl Permission to install captive power plants is accorded where the requirement of power is substantial and continuous and reliable power supply is necessary. The State Electricity Boards are empowered to accord such permission if the capacity is upto 25 MW; consultation with the Central Electricity Authority is necessary in cases where the proposed capacity is more than 25 MW.

Details in regard to the plants set up are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Drug manufacturers' representation against New Drug Policy

949. SHRl KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether Drugs and Pharmaceuticals manufacturers have submitted a representation that the new drug policy does not help the industry; if so. what are the details thereof and what is Government's response thereto; and

(b) what measures are being taken to ensure that the new policy does not favour multinationals '. '

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Most sections of the Indian drugs and pharamaceuticals industry have, by and large, welcomed and commenced the recently